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Re: Application of: Eberhard MANZ

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The references listed in the accompanying Form PTO 1449 were cited in the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report for International Patent Application No. PCT/DE99/01937, of which this application is a national phase filing. Copies of the International Search Report, International Preliminary Examination Report and the references cited therein are enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that any fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-0552. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed to facilitate the process.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the accompanying PTO Form-1449 be considered and made of record. If any of the publications listed thereon are missing, the



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Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be promptly forwarded.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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